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SUMMARY: IN JULY 22 SPEACH SADAT STRESSED EGYPT HAD ATTACKED
LIBYA ONLY AFTER REPEATED PROVOCATIONS AND FOLLOWING MULTIPLE
WARNINGS TO QADHAFI. TROOPS HAVE NOW BEEN WITHDRAWN
FROM LIBYAN TERRITORY. THEY WILL BE SENT AGAIN
IF QADHAFI CONTINUES HIS BEHAVIOR. END SUMMARY

1. IN COURSE OF TELEVISED JULY 22 ADDRESS TO CONGRESS
OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, DELIVERED BEFORE ASSEMBLED DIPLOMATIC
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CORPS ON EVE 25TH ANNIVERSARY EGYPTIAN REVOLUTION,
PRESIDENT SADAT DELIVERED STINGING ATTACK ON LIBYAN LEADER
MU'AMMAR QADHAFI. SADAT LISTED, IN CONSIDERABLE DETAIL,
QADHAFI'S PROVOCATIONS AGAINST EGYPT. NOTED QADHAFI
REPEATEDLY HAS SENT SABOTEURS AND EXPLOSIVES TO ATTACK
EGYPT. HIS AGENTS HAVE BEEN CAUGHT; THEY HAVE CONFESSED;
FOUR HAVE BEEN HANGED. IN LATEST INCIDENT (DATE NOT

GIVEN), TWO PEOPLE APPREHENDED IN POSSESSION EXPLOSIVES, WHICH WERE INTENDED TO BE SET OFF IN CAIRO'S CENTRAL TAHRIR SQUARE AND ON OCTOBER 6TH BRIDGE. INDIVIDUALS REPORTEDLY CONFESSED THEY ALSO GIVEN CHEMICALS TO POISON WELLS IN WESTERN DESERT FROM WHICH EGYPTIAN ARMED FORCES DRAW DRINKING WATER. SADAT SAID THIS FIRST OCCASION HE REVEALING THIS PLOT TO ARMY.

2. SADAT STRESSED THAT HE HAS REPEATEDLY, SINCE 1974, WARNED QADHAFI THAT HE IS PLAYING WITH FIRE. THESE WARNINGS DELIVERED IN WRITING AND IN PRESENCE UAE PRESIDENT SHEIK ZAYID.

3. SADAT GAVE DETAILED ACCOUNT OF 1974 INCIDENT WHEN QADHAFI HELD EGYPTIAN TROOPS HOSTAGE IN ORDER OBTAIN UNFAIR DIVISION MIRAGE FIGHTERS AND SPARE PARTS-- DESPITE FACT THESE NEEDED FOR EGYPTIAN DEFENSE IN PERIOD SHORTLY AFTER OCTOBER WAR.

4. PRESIDENT VOWED EGYPT HAS NO AMBITIONS IN LIBYA. IF EGYPT HARBORED SUCH AMBITIONS ACTION COULD HAVE BEEN TAKEN AT TIME OF ABOVE INCIDENT WHEN EGYPTIAN ARMOR WAS STATIONED IN LIBYA. "IT WAS THE EASIEST THING TO FINISH HIM OFF, THAT IDIOT," HE CONCLUDED.

5. AFTER JULY 19 ATTACK ON EGYPTIAN POLICE STATION,
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IN WHICH LIBYANS USED TANKS AND ARTILLERY, TAKING 14 CAPTIVES, SADAT SAID "I COULDN'T STOP MY ARMED FORCES, WHICH YESTERDAY AND TODAY HAVE GIVEN QADHAFI LESSON HE WILL NEVER FORGET" (CHEERS). SADAT TOLD AUDIENCE HE HAS WITHDRAWN EGYPTIAN FORCES AFTER 24 HOURS, "WHEN WORK COMPLETED." VOWED THAT, IF QADHAFI ATTEMPTS PLAY SAME GAME AGAIN, "WE SHALL RETURN."

6. SADAT SAID HE WANTS LIBYAN PEOPLE "TO BRING TO ACCOUNT THIS IDIOT" WHO SQUANDERS LIBYAN MONEY ON EUROPEAN GAMBLING TABLES AND TO FINANCE TERRORIST EXPLOSIVES. HE DEPICTED QADHAFI AS AGENT WORKING FOR KNOWN FOREIGN POWER, IN WHOSE INTEREST HE "HAS SOLD ERITREA."

7. AS RESULT EVENTS OF LAST 48 HOURS, SADAT CLAIMED QADHAFI "NOW HEARS US." SAID HE SENT PLO LEADER ARAFAT YESTERDAY, JULY 21, TO WARN QADHAFI THAT, IF HE THINKS HE STRONGER THAN EGYPT, "I WILL STRIKE HIM". EVEN IF OUTSIDE FORCE PUSHING QADHAFI AT EGYPT, "I WILL STRIKE HIM". QADHAFI HAS BEEN WARNED. EGYPTIAN FORCES HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN BUT THEY ARE PREPARED TO RETURN.

8. SADAT'S REFERENCES TO QADHAFI THROUGHOUT SPEECH HIGHLY
VITUPERATIVE. HE REPEATEDLY DESCRIBED AS "VERY ABNORMAL
PERSON", "MADMAN", "CHILD", AND "IDIOT". COMMENTS
ON LIBYAN PORTION SADAT'S ADDRESS, AND ON REMAINDER
OF SPEECH, SEPTEL.
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